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SUBJECT: W/W(ARRESTS) AMERICANS IMPRISONED IN PERU

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCA ADMINISTRATOR WATSON

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, CONGRESS HAS DEMONSTRATED OVER THE PAST YEAR A GROWING INTEREST IN THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN NATIONALS ARRESTED, ON TRIAL OR IMPRISONED ABROAD. IN THIS REGARD, THE DEPARTMENT (SCA AND ARA) PARTICIPATED IN FORMAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY SUBCOMMITTEES CHAIRED BY CONGRESSMAN DANTE B. FASCELL ON THE MATTER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IMPRISONED IN MEXICO AND MORE RECENTLY IN BOLIVIA. CHAIRMAN FASCELL'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, WHICH HAS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONSULAR FUNCTION, HAS NOW REQUESTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT A WRITTEN REPORT ON AMERICANS IMPRISONED IN PERU WITH SPECIFIC
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COMMENT ON THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM AND THE KINDS OF DIFFICULTIES THEY ARE ENCOUNTERING.

2. TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN COMPLYING WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REQUEST, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT. PART ONE OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE A NARRATIVE SECTION GIVING AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE JUDICIAL

PROCESSES IN PERU, PRISON CONDITIONS, EFFORTS OF THE

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PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE PRISONERS IN COPING WITH
PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN PRISON LIFE. PART TWO OF THE
REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE A BRIEF RESUME OF EACH OF THE
EXISTING ARREST CASES USING THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

- A. PRISONER'S NAME, AGE, AND STATE OF RESIDENCE.
- B. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST.
- C. CHARGE.
- D. ALLEGED EVIDENCE: (IN POSSESSION 2 KILOS COCAINE,
ETC.).
- E. DATE CONSULAR ACCESS OBTAINED.
- F. DATES OF SUBSEQUENT CONSULAR VISITS.
- G. CURRENT STATUS OF CASE.
- H. PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION FOR.
- I. ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT.
- J. REMARKS IF ANY.

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3. EMBASSY'S REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT ON
PRIORITY BASIS. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES BURDEN THIS
REPORTING REQUIREMENT PLACES ON EMBASSY STAFF. HOWEVER,
IN THE INTEREST OF PRODUCING THE MOST CURRENT AND COMPLETE
REPORT POSSIBLE, EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN
THIS REGARD APPRECIATED. VANCE

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